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MOBILE TELEPHONE SERVICE
RAM SHAKAL

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether BSNL has launched mobile service in various regions and districts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the criteria fixed for providing connection;

(d) the total number of connections issued and revenue collected since October, 2002 till date; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to simplify the mobile facility for the consumers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has launched the Cellular services in all the States across the country covering about 944 cities including 325 districts, except in J&K, Assam and North Eastern States .

(c) Connection are provided on first come first serve basis subject to the availability of capacity.

(d) Upto 31.01.2003, 1237037 Cellular Mobile connections have been provided since October- 2002 and the revenue collections has been around Rs. 71.64 Cr.

(e) The various steps taken by the Government to simplify the mobile facility for the consumers are as below:

1. Generally in all the service areas there are multiple operators.

2. Cellular tariffs have been forborne by the Regulator.

3. Regulator has specified interconnection usage charges to facilitate interconnection between various service providers.